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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: HAITI

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1. HAITIAN SECURITY OFFICER LTC JEAN VALME PRIVATELY ADVISED EMBOFF JULY 26 THAT GOH HAD INFORMATION THAT EXILE HAITIAN OPPOSITIONISTS -- WHO ALLEGEDLY ARE IN LEAGUE WITH CARACAS-BASED LEFTIST EXILE LEADER LUC B. INNOCENT -- PURCHASED ARMS IN COLOMBIA, WHICH WERE DELIVERED TO A SECRET DEPOT IN VERACRUZ, MEXICO. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, VALME ADDED THAT THE GOH INVESTIGATION ALSO INVOLVED TAMPICO AND ISLA DE COZUMEL AS POSSIBLE ARMS TRANSSHIPMENT POINTS. EXILES' PLAN CALLS FOR ARMS TO BE SMUGGLED INTO HAITI VIA VARIETY OF SMALL CARIBBEAN ISLANDS.

2. VALME TRAVELED FROM MEXICO TO NEW YORK, FROM WHERE HE RETURNED TO HAITI ON JULY 13. AT FIRST HE SAID THE SOLE PURPOSE OF HIS TRAVEL TO MEXICO WAS TO DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DUVALIER TO UNNAMED
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MEMBER OF HAITIAN EMBASSY MEXICO CITY, BUT LATER IN

CONVERSATION MADE IT EVIDENT THAT HE HAD ALSO INVOLVED HIMSELF IN AFOREMENTIONED INVESTIGATION. HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT, RPT NOT, CONTACT ANY MEXICAN SERVICES. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN HIS REASONS FOR RETURNING TO HAITI VIA NEW YORK RATHER THAN VIA MIAMI.

3. COMMENT - WHILE IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT VALME'S VISIT ALSO HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR HAITI'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, ROLAND AUGUSTIN, OR EVEN A RUMORED MILITARY RESHUFFLE THAT COULD INVOLVE MILITARY ATTACHE MAJOR MAURICE HILAIRE, CLEARLY IT ALSO FOCUSED ON SUSPECTED EXILE OPPOSITIONIST ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO -- AND QUITE POSSIBLY NEW YORK.
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